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free market. I thought he believed in competition, but it just goes to show we don't always understand those we think we do. Now Senator Connealy is able to speak for himself and he will show where, if he can, he will show where everything I've said is an incorrect characterization of him, but it is not an characterization. Ιt is not an characterization. He wants to take regular off the market because the investors, the producers and purveyors of ethanol know their product cannot stand up in a competitive environment. So this poor station owner, might have six or seven children he's trying to put through college, Senator Connealy, and the people in his area want to buy regular, not ethanol. Senator Connealy makes that poor struggling man put ethanol in the gasoline storage tank and people drive up and "Matt, where's say...well, let's say his first name is Matt. the regular?" And Matt says, "Them guys up there in the Legislature said I can't sell it any more." "What, in America?" And Matt says, "That's right, in America I can't sell regular at this pump any more." And the guy says, "Matt, I like you but I don't like what you're selling. I'm not going to buy any gas from you." And the word goes out, Matt doesn't sell regular. And you know how it is in small towns, Senator Connealy. Pretty soon nobody buys Senator Connealy's gas except Senator Schrock. Then he begins to catch on and it takes more gas to get to Senator Connealy's station than what he can put in his tank so on the way he has to buy some regular so he can get to Senator Connealy's station to buy some ethanol. Then back home he runs out of ethanol and has to buy regular to get back home. And they think that's what people are going to do. Why, going to bring down the republic faster than the Chinese or the "cummunists" in Russia, nor the former Soviet Union. Senator Connealy, when you mess with the pricing structure of a capitalist system, when you interfere with the free market, you're...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...destroying what America stands for. What do you think those boys were fighting for on Iwo Jima when they raised the flag? What do you think? Senator Bourne suggests that was corn and ethanol, but I don't think so, and I'm saying